

XIV.—*Description of a new species of Woodpecker discovered by Mr. THOMAS BRIDGES in Northern California.* By PHILIP LUTLEY SCLATER, M.A.

*Melanerpes rubrigularis*, sp. nov.

Supra nitenti-niger; linea circum-nuchali ab oculis incipiente, altera utrinque suboculari a rictu latiore, tectricibus alarum superioribus, dorso postico et caudæ tectricibus superioribus, necnon maculis secundariarum trium extimarum apicalibus et in pogonio externo primariarum tertiæ, quartæ et quintæ albis; subtus nitenti-niger, gula media ruberrima, abdomine medio flavicante, lateribus et crisso albo nigroque variegatis; tectricibus alarum inferioribus et remigum pogoniis interioribus cinerascenti-nigris, maculis quadratis numerosis albis; caudæ rectricibus omnino nigris; rostro et pedibus nigris.

Long. tota 8·5, alæ 5·4, caudæ 3·5, rostri a fronte 1·0, tarsi 0·8.

This Woodpecker, which is represented by Mr. Bridges as very rare, appears to have escaped the researches of the American naturalists; at least, I am acquainted with no record of its existence, though it may have been described quite lately. It appears to be well placed in the genus *Melanerpes*, of which no less than six species are already known to inhabit California; namely *M. erythrocephalus*, *M. torquatus*, *M. thyroideus* (Cassin, B. Cal. pl. 32; *Picus nataliæ*, Malherbe, Cab. Journ. f. Orn. 1854, p. 271), *M. formicivorus* (Cassin, B. Cal. pl. 2), *M. albolarvatus*, and *M. ruber*. From all these it is quite different in colouring, and may be recognized at once by its black breast and bright scarlet, longitudinal throat-mark,—whence I have named it *M. rubrigularis*. The single specimen sent was procured by Mr. Bridges in Trinity Valley, Northern California, in the pine-forests.

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XV.—*List of Coleoptera received from Old Calabar, on the West Coast of Africa.* By ANDREW MURRAY, Edinburgh.

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Chlæniidæ.

HOMALOLACHNUS, Laferté, Ann. Soc. Ent. France (série 2), ix. 293.

1. *H. elongatus*, mihi.

*Chlænium elongatus*, mihi, Annals, 2nd series, xix. pl. 13, fig. 9. June 1857.

Capite nitido, antice subvirescenti, postice leviter punctulato; thorace nigro, angusto, confertissime et profunde punctato,